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REMARKS

Claims 53-56, 58-62, and 64-77 are pending in the present application. Claim 53 was amended to include the limitations of Claims 57 and 63, Claims 57 and 63 have been canceled, and Claims 58-60 and 64 were amended to maintain antecedent basis. New Claims 68-77 were added to claim additional subject matter described in the specification in at least paragraphs [0039] through [0078] and Figures 4 and 10. No new matter has been added. Further consideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Telephonic Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner (Anthony S. Addy) for the courtesies extended to Applicant's attorney (Sanders N. Hillis, Reg. No. 45,712) during the telephonic interview of September 8, 2008 in which currently pending independent Claim 53 was discussed in view of the Advisory Action mailed August 11, 2008 and the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2008. During the discussion, it was agreed that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn. In addition, US Patent Publication No. 2002/0046249 to Shiigi was discussed. No agreement was reached.

The 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Claim Rejections

Claims 43-50, 52-63, and 66-67 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0046249 A1 to Shiigi

(hereinafter "Shiigi") in combination with US Patent No. 7,328,244 to Kelley (hereinafter referred to as "Kelley"). In addition, Claim 51 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiigi as modified by Kelley and US Patent No. 6,809,724 to Shiraishi (hereinafter referred to as "Shiraishi"). Also, Claims 64 and 65 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiigi as modified by Kelley and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0016823 A1 to Ueno et al. (hereinafter "Ueno"). Claims 43-52 were canceled rendering these rejections moot. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of Claims 53-67 because none of cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest each and every limitation of amended Claims 53-67, and a *prima facie* case of obviousness is no longer supported.

Specifically, amended Claim 53 describes that said second application is executable to enable said first application to transmit a second email message to a designated recipient, said second email message generated for transmission with only said second application, to include a header and an email address of a designated recipient of said second email message, and said control unit is further configured to store, in a specified storage area, the second email message, and to execute said first application to transmit said second email message for receipt by said designated recipient. Neither Shiigi nor Kelley describes transmission of an email message with a first application when the email message is generated for transmission with a second application. To the contrary, Shiigi simply describes different clients that independently operate with different email applications (see

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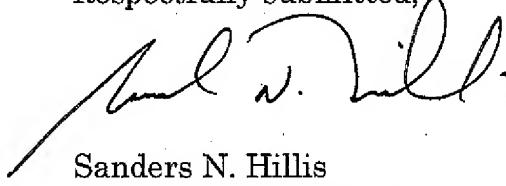
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figures 2B and 3B), and Kelley is silent regarding anything more than a single email application and simply describes creating emails with category identifiers and storing received emails in different folders based on the category identifiers included in the received emails (Col. 2 lines 3-24).

For at least the foregoing reasons, neither Shiigi nor Kelley teach or suggest each and every limitation of amended Claim 53 or the Claims dependent therefrom. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of Claims 53-56, 58-62, and 64-67. Moreover, new Claim 68-77 are also patentably distinct over the cited references.

The presently pending claims of this application are allowable and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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